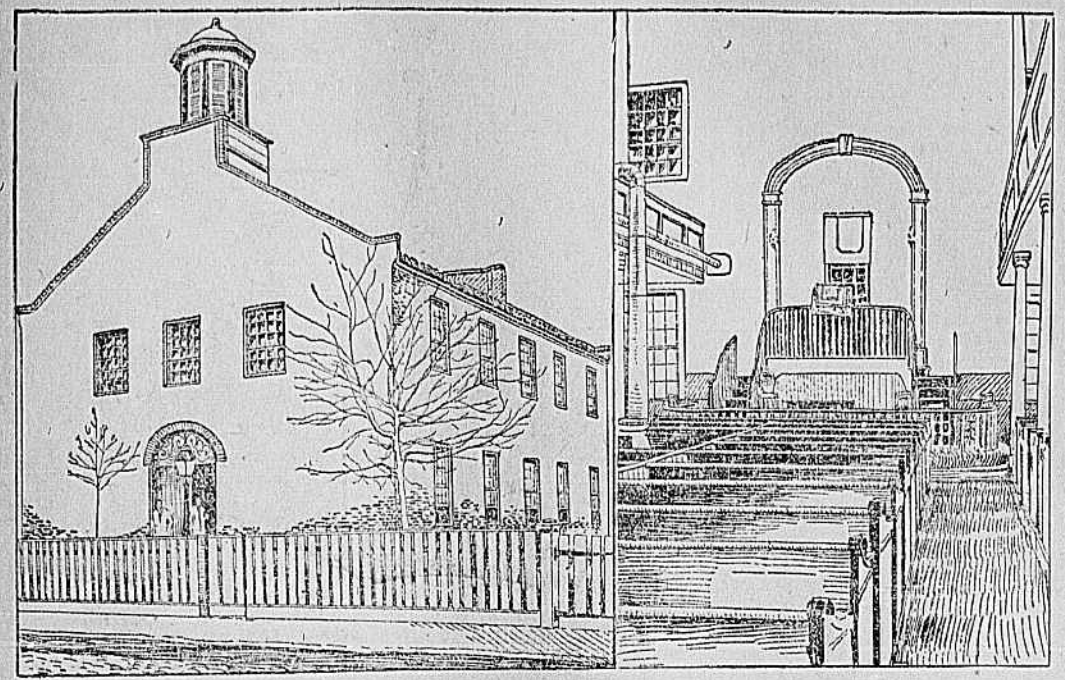


UNION STREET CHURCH OVER A CENTURY OLD



Historic Methodist Church in Petersburg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., Feb. 21.—The last meeting has been held at Union Street Methodist Church, and this historic building will now soon give place to a modern warehouse. The last meeting was held to-night under the auspices of the Epworth League of Petersburg. The union at one time contemplated the purchase of the property with a view to preserving the building, but the idea was abandoned and the property was recently sold at auction. At the meeting to-night short talks were made by each of the Methodist ministers in Petersburg, giving an account of the development of their church. A paper on Methodism prior to the building of Union Street Church in 1838 and during the time this church was occupied by white people was read. The features of the meeting was the singing of the old-time Methodist hymns. The meeting was largely attended, and many people of all denominations took part in the final celebration.

The pulpit of the old Union Street Church has been occupied by many of the ablest and most distinguished Methodists in this country, among them being Bishops Soule, Andrew, Bascom, Early, Pierce, Wightman, Mavranovich, Geo. McKendrie, Roberts, John Newman, Macfitt, the noted Irish orator and preacher, besides a host of other eminent and useful in their day. The first annual conference of the Methodist Church, South, was held at Union Street Church, South, on the first day of May, 1846. There were eighty-seven delegates present from sixteen annual conferences. The conference was called to order by Dr. Wiggins, of Mississippi, and John Early, of Virginia, was elected temporary chairman. Bishop Soule and Bishop Andrew in turn presided over the session of the conference.

This conference elected William Capers, of North Carolina, and Robert Paul, of Tennessee, bishops.

Among those present were Lovick Pierce, J. B. McFerrin, H. B. Bascom, William Wiggins, Robert Paul, A. S. L. Greene, G. E. Pierce, William M. Wightman, Thomas D. Summers, H. K. Kave-

naugh, F. E. Pitts. Of these, seven afterwards became bishops in the Southern Methodist Church. The newly elected bishops were consecrated May 14th, 1846, in Washington Street Church. At the time of this general conference in 1846 there were 238 local preachers, 27,234 white members of the Methodist Church, 12,496 colored members, 2,972 Indian members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The first Thanksgiving service ever held in Petersburg was held in this church November, 1852, and there were present four oldest children of the late John Walsh, two ladies and a stranger, a traveling salesman, Rev. Mr. Thrift, a prominent preacher of that time, conducted the service. The building, so radical and erratic DuVal preached in Union Street Church. His sermons were delivered there soon after the building had been completed. No one has been found who was present at any of these sermons, but there are several persons in Petersburg, whose parents told them of his preaching. DuVal in denouncing the Episcopal Church from the pulpit at Union Street Church is reported to have said: "I imagine I can see my old gray-headed father and mother scrambling up the walls of the church with their Episcopal prayer books under their arms." After the close of the Civil War this brilliant preacher did not think he could live in the United States Church, and he went to the tropics, where he remained about three years. He then returned to Virginia, preferring even the Federal Government to the wilds of South America.

George Bascom, another distinguished Methodist, who was at one time pastor of Union Street Church, made use of the expression later used by the distinguished Dr. Rainsford, of New York, while he was preaching in Richmond about fifty years ago. A woman of wealth flattered him her heart and hand and fortune. Bascom replied, telling her that she should give her heart to God, her

fortune to the church and to the poor, and her hand to whoever asked for it. Dr. Rainsford is the pastor of the Henry only First in New York, which grew out of "The Little Church Around the Corner," whose pastor conducted the funeral services of an actor after the pastor of a large and fashionable church had declined to perform the rite. Actors throughout the State rallied to the support of "The Little Church Around the Corner," and giving special performance for funds to be contributed to this church, soon made it one of the largest churches in the metropolis.

The following historical sketch was prepared by Mr. John W. Bradbury, of Petersburg, a retired merchant and prominent Methodist in this city. Mr. Bradbury has for several years collected books and manuscripts relating to the Methodist Churches in Petersburg.

HISTORICAL SKETCH.
The first Methodist meeting-house in Petersburg was built on the lot near Market and Front streets, bounded by Abraham Evans by Francis Asbury, afterwards bishop, for the sum of 13 pounds, or about \$60.00, in Virginia money. The deed was recorded July 2, 1788.

This house was occupied by the Methodist congregation until 1818, when it became necessary to provide a larger and better accommodation and a lot on Union Street was bought from Pleasant Asbury in 1788 for \$60.00, was sold at auction to George Keith Holloway for \$236.50. Mr. Allen Archer was contractor for the brick work of the Union Street Methodist Church at the price of \$15.00, and Nathaniel Lee for the wood-work at \$21.00, making the total cost of the church \$49.00.

The Rev. Fletcher Harris was preacher in charge when the house was building, but died before it was completed. Rev. James McKendrie was pastor in charge in 1812. Among the original members of the church were Thomas Stroud, Allen Archer, John Smith, William Barnes,

Seth Heath, Ira A. Easton, William Cain, William Couch, Herbert Whitmore, Beverly Anderson, Mary Roper, Nancy Clark, Mary Lee, Henry Dunn, Nathaniel Lee, Milton Thrift, Samuel Wells, Thomas Young, Beilham, John Hamilton, Alley, Peyton Lynch, David Stone.

Henry Hardy was pastor in 1820, Geo. M. Anderson in 1821, and John Early was preaching elder at that time. Haskel G. Lee was pastor in 1820 and 1821. The white membership at this time numbered 111; colored, 55.

The sexes were seated separately in the church. The men occupied the side to the right of the preacher and males to the left and the colored members occupied the right-hand gallery. In 1824 a graded school was opened in the basement of the church, and the first schoolmaster was Gabriel P. Elmore. John Aycock, Lewis Mabry and William Brownly appear for the first time as official members. While the Union Street Church was being built the congregation worshipped in the Episcopal Church on Court-house Hill, the church being tendered them by the pastor, Rev. Andrew Syme. In 1824 and 1825 Rev. George W. Charlton was pastor. In 1826 Rev. William Hammett was pastor. In 1827 the Virginia Annual Conference was held in this church; Bishops Smith, McKendrie and Soule were present and the conference appointed Rev. William A. Smith, pastor. In 1828 William J. Waller was pastor and Louis Skidmore presiding elder. In 1829 Rev. W. S. Shurtliff was appointed pastor. In 1830 Rev. Bennett P. Blake and Rev. Milton Thrift were appointed pastors, and Thos. B. Stroud exhorter. At this time Seth Archer, William Clark and Lewis Mabry were trustees of the church, and the stewards were Joel Rosser, William Brownly, Seth Heath, T. A. Stroud, Allen Archer, John Smith and William Barnes. The white members of the church in 1830 numbered 257, and colored 160.

In 1831 David S. Doggett was appointed preacher. In 1832 Rev. David Wood, and in 1833 Rev. Henry C. Conner, were pastors. In 1834 and 1835 Rev. David S. Doggett was pastor. A great revival was held for six weeks and resulted in the addition of 123 to the church membership.

In 1835 Henry B. Cowles was appointed preacher. Dr. Arcy Paul and wife joined the church during this year. In 1837 Rev. Thomas Crowder was appointed pastor of the church. The membership of the church at this time was 378. In 1838 and 1839 Rev. Anthony Dibrell was pastor of the church, and Rev. William A. Smith in 1840. At this time commissioners were sent to the General Conference, and a plan for a new church, the total membership of this church being 701; all white.

The Methodist Episcopal Church was divided in 1840 and the first General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was convened in Petersburg, May, 1846. While the public services were held in the Washington Street Church the business of the conference was transacted in the Union Street house.

MARSHAL SHOT IN STREET DUEL

One Man Killed and Another
Was Dangerously
Wounded.

(By Associated Press.)
EUREKA SPRINGS, ARIZ., February 21.—In a pistol duel on the streets of Jasper, Newton county, today, Deputy United States Marshal J. D. Keys was killed and W. A. Hudson was dangerously wounded. Hudson, who is a resident of Jasper, was discharging a pistol on the streets when Keys and City Marshal William Allen attempted to arrest him. He opened fire on them, who returned the fire, shooting Hudson. Allen, though injured, dropped to the ground. Hudson then fired at Keys, shooting him through the body. Keys walked several blocks to his home and died a few hours later.

HON. D. S. POLLOCK MAY BE CONFIRMED

Senators Talk and Editors
Write on the Subject.

The failure of the Senate to confirm the nomination of Hon. David S. Pollock, of Pulaski, as superintendent of schools of that county, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. C. Guy Larow, is still a live issue in political circles, and Senators of prominence are responsible for assertions that should Mr. Pollock's name be again sent to the Senate he would be confirmed. In the light of recent developments, and that the nomination would very likely be confirmed. Some of them frankly confess that they voted under a misapprehension, and that they were misled by Mr. Pollock. The choice of the people, they would not permit "Senatorial courtesy" to lead them from their plain duty under such conditions.

The new News-Review, in its issue of last week, copies in full a recent editorial from The Times-Dispatch on "Senatorial Courtesy," and makes the following comment:

"We heartily endorse the foregoing article. The people of Pulaski county were very much surprised that the Senate should refuse to confirm the appointment of Mr. Pollock without assigning any reason or cause. The other applicants, Mr. E. L. Curran, had been upon the people of the county would have expected his confirmation. They are both good men and qualified for the place."

Mr. Pollock is a man of scholarly attainments, a good lawyer, a soldier, a Confederate soldier and a highly respected citizen. He was endorsed by the two late superintendents of schools, a majority of the county School Board, a majority of the Board of Supervisors, and the entire bar of Pulaski county, and besides had personal letters of endorsement from men of prominence, such as Governor Tyler, James Magill, Mayor John T. Lewis, H. C. Jones, H. D. Jones, H. D. Jones, Democratic county chairman, and others. In addition, hundreds of citizens signed a petition in his favor. Upon such endorsement the State Board of Education approved his appointment, and we are confident that a public explanation by the Senate is in order.

IN LOUISA

Goodland Man Fined for Delivering Two Pints of Whiskey.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LOUISA, VA., February 21.—In the Mayor's Court here today B. M. Hogg, a saloon man of Goodland county, was fined \$20 and costs on two charges, making a total of \$40 and costs, for having delivered two pints of whiskey to a saloon man of Goodland county, the town of Louisa, where he had previously taken orders for it, at the earnest solicitation of the customer. His Honor holds, although Hogg did not willfully violate the law, he was nevertheless guilty under that statute.

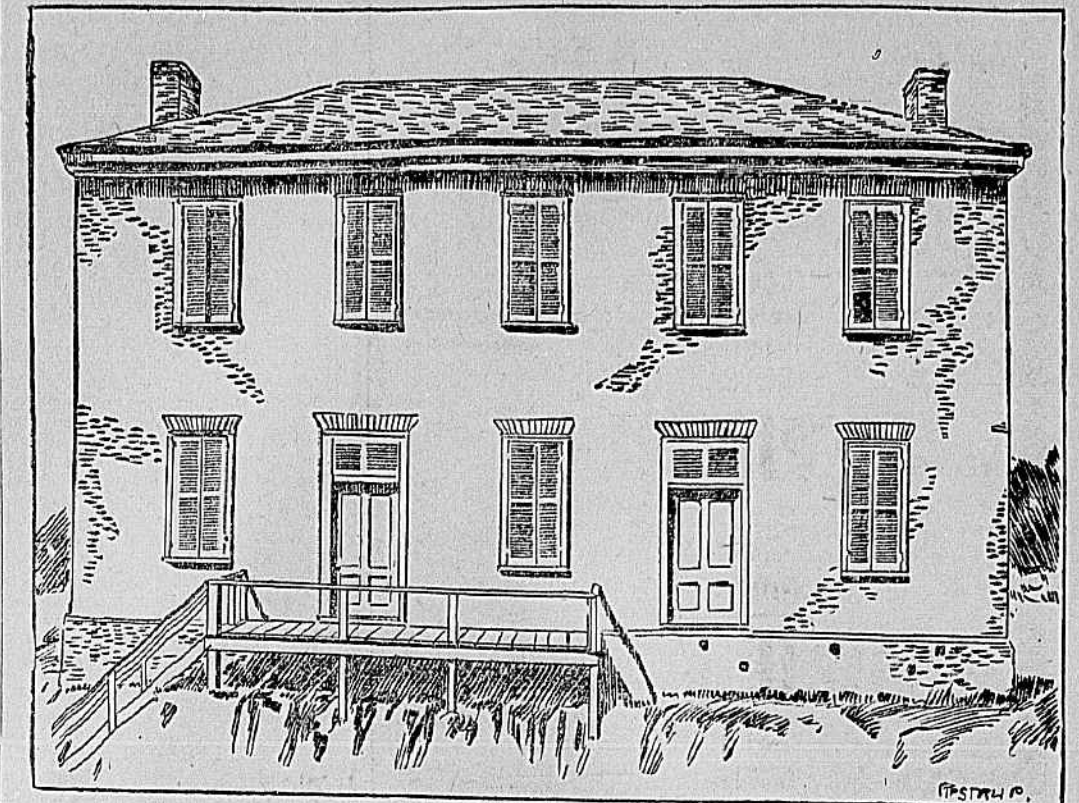
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Dr. Hannon's Lecture Postponed.
Rev. Dr. John Hannon's lecture on Dynamite, which was to have been delivered at Immanuel Baptist Church next Thursday night, has been postponed for one week, and will be delivered on Thursday night, March 5th.

The postponement is made because of the special services in progress at Union Street Methodist Church, of which Dr. Hannon is pastor.

Mrs. V. K. Mann returned yesterday to her home, No. 124 Taylor Street, after having a delightful visit to the home of Captain Davis, manager of the State farm.

THE RECORD OF MANCHESTER'S ANCIENT MASONIC LODGE



THE OLD MASONIC HALL.

Manchester Lodge, No. 14, A. F. and A. M., was constituted under dispensation on February 23, 1886, and was regularly chartered by the Grand Lodge on the 20th of November, 1876. The grand master at that time was Edmund Randolph, who was the first United States Attorney-General. The first officers were James Lyle, master; Alexander Banks, senior warden, and Cornelius Buck, junior warden. They were all prominent merchants in the town. The lodge held its first meetings at a house rented from Thomas Hall, and afterwards at a house rented from James Fraser. Neither record nor tradition informs us where these houses were. In 1855, the lodge having grown rich, it was decided to build a hall and on the 13th day of September, 1855, the corner stone was laid with impressive ceremonies by Worshipful Archibald Campbell, then master of the lodge, assisted by John Marshall, grand master of the lodge, and several deacons, in the presence of members from Nos. 10, 13, and 34, of Richmond, and a large assemblage of persons. From this time on the lodge continued to grow and prosper until about 1892, when it began to decline, and until the year 1890 it seemed that the light of Masonry was about to go out in Manchester.

On August 18, 1892, the cornerstone of the "Masonic Temple" at the corner of Hull Street and Cowardin Avenue, was laid by Worshipful W. T. Williams, master of the lodge, with very elaborate ceremonies. The lodge was formed at the old Masonic Hall and was headed by Chief Marshal R. B. W. Beattie and his assistants, A. Royal, J. G. Rice, L. R. Owens, W. J. Carter and Dr. L. Ingram, and then came a long line of Masons. This line was preceded by the old R. L. I. Blues Band. It was indeed a gala day in Manchester, and one long to be remembered. The lodge continued to grow and added to its roster the names of many prominent citizens. It is at present under the government of the following officers:

W. T. Williams, master; Thomas H. Betty, senior warden; John H. Vaden, junior warden; Robert E. Brown, secretary.

relates, the lodge was kept alive by the Brothers William A. Patterson, William W. Weisger, William Walker and Brother E. Semon, who lived in Richmond, and it is said that often after the lodge was closed the Brothers Williams would accompany Brother Semon across Mayo's Bridge and often their spirits failed and time and time again it was concluded that all hopes for the lodge had fled and that the charter must be surrendered. But such, however, was not the case. These faithful brethren continued to labor until 1899. At their meeting on the 19th day of January, 1899, nine candidates presented their petitions for membership. This seemed to have caused a flutter of excitement, and the lodge began to grow. The exhausted treasure was soon filled and continued to grow.

The treasure was so depleted that there was not any money to pay the insurance, and the hall was sold to the town of Manchester.

The trustees were instructed to secure the hall from the town, which had taken it during the years of misfortune, and it was finally restored to them.

Some years before 1892 it was decided to build a "temple" for their order in Manchester.

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land went to the college in question Friday afternoon in a wagon. While there the student gave the first named man two suits of clothes, with instructions that they be left with a certain tailor for repair.

At the shop the older negro sent the younger negro with the clothes. Later the last named returned for the clothes and pawned them. Not satisfied with the result, the younger negro succeeded in running down the unworthy, and he was arrested. One suit of clothes was recovered by him.

SURPRISE MARRIAGE

Manassas Young People Give Their Party the Slip in Washington.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MANASSAS, VA., Feb. 21.—Mr. A. B. Rogers and Miss Sadie Hynson, both of this place, were secretly married in Rockville, Md., today. The bride and groom were accompanied by a large party who left for this morning for Washington to see Nat Goodwin and Maxine Elliot in "The Alibi" and "The National Theatre."

Upon reaching Washington Mr. Rogers and Miss Hynson gave their party the slip and were accompanied by Mr. Rogers and Miss Hynson to Rockville, where they were made man and wife. The groom is twenty-three years of age, and is engaged in the mercantile business here with Mr. A. M. Crisler. The bride is seventeen years of age, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hynson, of this place.

The marriage of these two young people was a surprise to all their friends and acquaintances, as no one but a few of their most intimate friends knew of their intention to be married at this time.

North Carolina Teachers.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 21.—The standing committee of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, which is an advisory council to the Bishop in view of his health, unanimously recommended that for the present Bishop Pollock acts he might invite any bishop to perform the same, and most earnestly insists that the meeting of the Diocesan Council in May from any physical or mental exertion, and that the affairs of his diocese, Bishop Watson continues in ill health and is still confined to his bed.

MAJOR M'BRIDE WEDS IRISH JOAN OF AMERICA

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, February 21.—Major McBride, who was a member of the Irish brigade in the Transvaal service during the South African war, and Maude Gonn, known as the "Irish Joan of America," were quietly married here today.

THE POPE FROWNS ON THE AGITATION

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, February 21.—A dispatch to the Central News from Rome says the Pope has sent letters to the clergy in Macedonia and Albania instructing them to enjoin all Catholics to abstain from political agitation.

A CLOTHES THIEF IS RUN TO EARTH

Through the sleuth-like efforts of Jim Thallero, an anti-bellum doctor of Julland, a young negro man was captured yesterday morning by the police of the First District. He is charged with the theft of two suits of clothes from Josh Griffin, a student at the negro college, under that statute.

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lary; W. W. Pool, treasurer; John R. Robertson, senior deacon; Aaron L. Sampson, junior deacon.

In the early years of this lodge a peculiar incident happened, which has always been nicknamed the "Possum Lodge." It happened thus: On a certain St. John's night, December 27th, long ago, the offer went to the lodge-room to build a fire for the brethren to assemble, when he espied an opossum under the stove. Drawing him forth and fastening him with a cable tow, he awaited the coming of the members. When the lodge was opened the opossum was brought forth and the worshipful master enquired of him whence he came. He replied: "Worshipful, sir, being very cold, I crawled in under the stove, lay down to sleep; far be it from me that I came as an eavesdropper, and I beg your pardon."

"Well," said the master, "it is our rule that all who encroach upon our secret domain are put to death." Whereupon the opossum made this compromise: "Worshipful master, if you will forgive me this time, I will pledge you that hereafter I will have one of my descendants present at every St. John's night," and it may be said that there has never been missing on St. John's night the traditional "possum" to grace the festive board.

A. L. S.

VERY LOW COLONIST RATES

To the South and Southwest via Southern Railway.

Commencing February 14th and continuing to April 23, 1903, the Southern Railway will sell duty mixed class tourist tickets from all points on its lines to many destinations in the far Southwest. These tickets will be on sale to points in California, Texas, Mexico, New Mexico, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

The Southern Railway is the great trunk line to all the South and Southwest, and gives the choice of various routes.

For details apply to any agent, or C. W. Westbury, D. P. A., Richmond, Va.

MISS ROOSEVELT AT THE RACES

Saw Albert F. Dewey Win the
George Washington Handicap Worth \$1,550.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW ORLEANS, LA., Feb. 21.—At the invitation of the Crescent City Jockey Club, Miss Alice Roosevelt and her party with other distinguished guests attended to-day's racing and saw an excellent card.

The George Washington handicap, worth \$1,550 to the winner, was the feature of the card, and the prize went to the favorite, Albert F. Dewey. Dewey won cleverly by two lengths.

Summary:
First race, six furlongs—Emshee (7 to 1) first, Cloetta (5 to 2) second, Mollie T. (13 to 1) third. Time, 1:14 3-5.
Second race, five furlongs—Royal Deceiver (7 to 1) first, Atlanta (4 to 1) second, Sweet Alice (6 to 5) third. Time, 1:02.
Third race, handicap, six furlongs—L'Eurean (3 to 1) first, Sadduceus (13 to 1) second, Federal (3 to 1) third. Time, 1:14.
Fourth race, George Washington handicap, mile and a sixteenth—Albert F. Dewey (5 to 1) first, Hargis (5 to 1) second, St. Tammany (13 to 1) third. Time, 1:47 2-5.
Fifth race, selling, mile and a quarter—Cogswell (7 to 2) first, Carnt (6 to 2) second, Jack Doyle (13 to 1) third. Time, 2:08 4-5.
Sixth race, selling, mile—Eda Riley (3 to 1) first, Mustard (10 to 1) second, Henry Dury (4 to 1) third. Time, 1:42 3-5.

Mrs. L. F. Harmon, who has been sick for four weeks at her residence, No. 123 North Twenty-sixth Street, city, still continues sick.

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LEFT COURT AND MADE HER ESCAPE

How a Fast-Running Woman Escaped from an Officer.

In the possession of the police of the Second District there is a light overcoat, slightly the worse for wear, but still quite serviceable. It was captured last night by Patrolman Wiley while doing special duty in an effort to corral, along with Officer E. J. Bradley, a number of troublesome negro women in the vicinity of Fifth and Marshall Streets. This crusade resulted in the arrest of two women and the coat, which was left in the hands of one of the police officers by a fast-moving woman.

Unfortunately for the woman and fortunately for the man, twenty-five cents was found in one of the coat's pockets, which is nothing more nor less than a man's overcoat.

Officers Bradley and Wiley were doing "rain clothes duty," as stated, in the hope of breaking up a gang of negro women. They had been standing about some time when three women have entered. They were "regulars," and were immediately spotted as such by the officers.

When the bunch got close enough the policemen stepped from the darkness. Bradley grabbed a woman, while Officer Wiley got a pretty good hold on the top coat of still another. But she wouldn't linger, and, throwing her arms back, she dashed away, leaving the patrolman holding only to the coat. This was brought to the station and will be held pending the arrival of the owner.

USED OFFICIAL ENVELOPE

Rosser Was Sent on Through a Clear Case of Ignorance.

Dr. Ernest Rosser, who was arrested by Deputy Sam Bendit at Venable, Prince Edward county, on Thursday, on the charge of using official United States envelopes for private purposes, was heard before Commissioner Bartlett Roper, in Petersburg, on Friday, and carried to Greensboro, N. C., for trial at the next term of the United States Court.

The story of the case is interesting. The postoffice at the village of Old, N. C., is so located that citizens are forced to stand outside in all sorts of weather. An old lady, who had complaint to make against the condition of the office, asked Mr. Rosser to find out to whom the complaint should be sent. The postmaster gave Mr. Rosser an official envelope with the address of the Third Assistant Postmaster-General thereon, and the official frank on the corner.

The letter of complaint was written by Mr. Rosser for the old lady and sent through to Washington without a stamp.

TOBACCO SELLS LOW.

Farmers Behind in Their Preparations For New Crop.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FAIRMILLE, VA., Feb. 21.—The weather for handling tobacco the past week was very unfavorable, being extremely cold and windy. This together with the low price of the crop, has left the Fairmille market to be very light. The weather moderated a little and the result was tobacco commenced to roll in and what was offered brought fairly good prices. Prices here picked up a little on all grades, but the farmer is still waiting a long face, claiming that tobacco is not bringing enough to pay for the growing.

If the weather is warm next week, the farmers will be very busy, as the farmers are very anxious to sell. Many of them will raise bright tobacco next year, but experience has taught a good number that bright tobacco cannot be grown in this section, and that it is better to raise dark tobacco and there is very little of this kind of earth in the county, excepting the lower portion in the neighborhood of Old Den.

The continued rains have greatly retarded all farm work. Few plant beds have been burnt, and little ploughing is done. Farmers already discouraged by the low price of tobacco are becoming despondent by their inability to go ahead with necessary preparations for another crop. Whether to raise as large crops as usual is a perplexing question. They claim that the demand cannot be met less than the supply this year.

PAGE COUNTY BONDS

Successfully Refunded at Lower Rate of Interest.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LURAY, VA., February 21.—Page county has just successfully refunded her railroad debt of \$93,000 at four per cent, the sealed bids for the bonds having been opened today. The First National Bank of Luray was the purchaser, taking the bonds at their face value. There were four other bids. The debt was contracted about twenty-three years ago, when the Shenandoah Valley Railroad was built through this section, and at first amounted to \$100,000, from which it has been reduced by annual additions to the sinking fund from the taxes to the above amount. The last issue of bonds, amounting to \$75,000, was made in 1880; the old bonds bore five per cent interest.

B. F. Borden and Company, manufacturers of staves at Overall, this county, and also owners of a large industry of the same character in Shenandoah county, Va., have purchased a big tract of timber in Mecklenburg county, Va., and will move one of their plants there in a few months and the other shortly afterwards. They have been operating in Page for a number of years, and employed regularly as many as twenty-five men, often as many as fifty and seventy-five. The loss of the industry is a severe blow to this county.

The exhaustion of available timber is the cause of their removal. For fifty years Page county supplied immense quantities of timber for shipmen, but the supply is now practically exhausted, and the same is in large measure true of